

Around the World

News in Brief

Reds Blame U. S. Freighter In Yellow Sea Collision

TOKYO (AP).—The Chinese Communist radio today blamed an American freighter for a midnight collision with a Chinese ship in a Yellow Sea fog. It said 70 Chinese drowned as their vessel sank. A Peiping broadcast heard here said the freighter California Bear of the Pacific Far East Lines "ignored maritime laws" in ramming the Chinese ship Sinan off Taku Bar April 20. The 8,163-ton American ship still is at Taku Bar, port of Tientsin, where Red authorities have begun an inquiry. Pacific Far East Lines headquarters in San Francisco denied the Red radio charge that Capt. William Murray of the Bear was negligent and "took an unreasonably long time in rendering assistance to drowning people and even then did it in a most haphazard manner."

This was the Communist radio's version of the collision: The Sinan, sailing from Dairen, Manchuria, with 66 passengers and a crew of 43, stopped her engines in the Gulf of Chihli when she heard the foghorn of an approaching vessel. A few minutes later the California Bear loomed up and plowed into the Sinan. With a hole 8 by 5 feet in her side, she sank in 30 minutes.

Labor Seen Safe Till Fall

LONDON (AP).—Britain's Labor government is expected now to hold its precarious control at least until fall.

But yesterday's five-vote victory in a test in the House of Commons proved the going will not be easy. Continued heckling by Winston Churchill's Conservatives and the Liberals will keep Prime Minister Attlee's Laborites under constant pressure. The Laborites squeaked through votes on two major issues in the House of Commons yesterday with a majority of only five in each case. These two votes—doubling the tax on gasoline and imposing a 33 1/2 per cent purchase tax on trucks—constituted the most serious challenge Labor has faced since it came to power in 1945. Its once overwhelming majority in Commons has been sliced to a scant eight seats.

Soviet Production Up

MOSCOW (AP).—The U. S. S. R. Central Statistical Administration announced today that industrial production in the Soviet Union for the first quarter of 1950 was 22 per cent higher than in the first quarter of 1949. (These Soviet announcements never give comparable figures. The announcements are always in terms of percentages.) The commission said that although production rose markedly in the first quarter of this year, some individual ministries did not meet their quarterly plan production quotas. This was laid to failure to fulfill January assignments because of "lack of preparedness of a number of enterprises for difficult conditions" of this year's winter. However, the statement added, "in February and especially in March, the underfulfillment of the January plan was made up in significant measure."

New West Union Urged

PARIS (AP).—French government leaders have proposed another step toward unification of the Western world. A foreign Ministry spokesman said Foreign Minister Robert Schuman is ready to advocate an overall organization of nations now belonging to the North Atlantic pact, the Council of Europe, the Brussels pact and the Marshall Plan. The proposed organization, the spokesman continued, would unify political and economic policies, as well as military plans. Mr. Schuman has in mind, his spokesman explained, an agency of even wider scope than the supreme Atlantic Council for Economic and Social Co-operation suggested a week ago by French Premier Georges Bidault in a speech at Lyon. Mr. Bidault and Schuman are in full agreement on the new idea, the spokesman added.

Col. Geraldine May To Tour RAF Bases

Col. Geraldine P. May, director of women in the Air Force, was scheduled to leave today for a 15-day goodwill tour of Royal Air Force bases in the United Kingdom as an RAF guest. She will spend the first part of her visit at the London Air Ministry and then inspect Women's Royal Air Force training and base operations.

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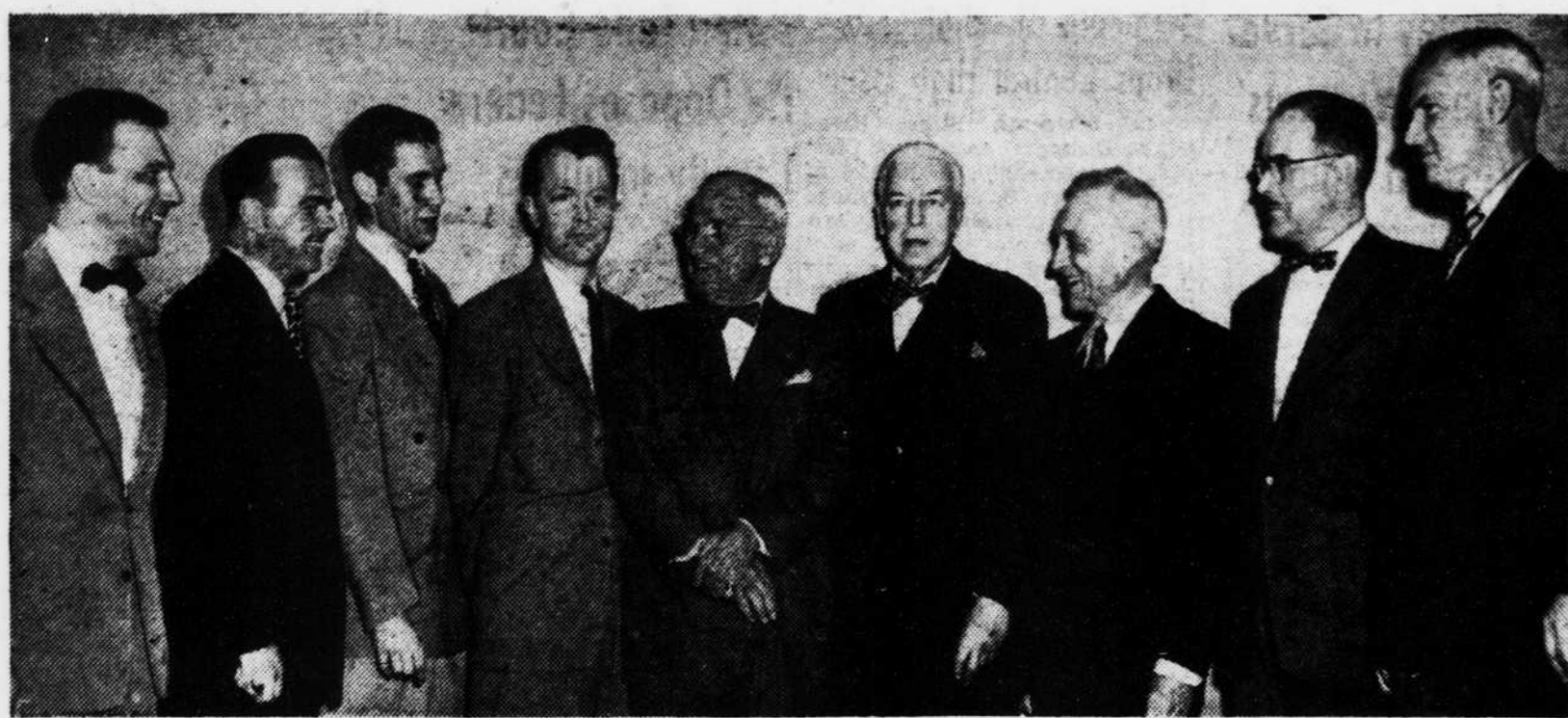
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PRESIDENT HELPS PRESS CLUB CELEBRATE—Harry S. Truman, a dues-paying member of the National Press Club, hands out certificates to young and old at the founders' day party of the club. Flanking him here are the recipients (left to right): Richard M. Palmer of International News Service, Wallace E. Clayton, The Evening Star; Nathaniel McKitterick of McGraw-

Hill Publishing Co.; Neil McNeil, jr., of United Press, the President, James Wright, Buffalo Evening News; Hal Smith, New York Times; Phillip Dodd of the Chicago Tribune, who received one for Arthur Sears Henning, and Herbert F. Corn of The Evening Star, who received one for Gould Lincoln.

—Star Staff Photo.

Westinghouse Plants Choosing Between CIO And Expelled Unions

By the Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, April 27.—Nearly 55,000 workers in Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants decide today whether they want to be represented by an infant CIO union or an independent union which was thrown out of the CIO.

The vote in 40 of the corporation's plants in 32 cities will go a long way toward settling a bitter labor dispute among 300,000 men and women who make a large share of the country's electrical appliances.

The National Labor Relations Board is supervising the bargaining election.

It is on a plant-by-plant basis. Conceivably Westinghouse could wind up with 20 contracts with the new CIO International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) and 20 with the independent United Electrical Workers (UE).

Murray Leads Fight. The NLRB will begin tabulating the vote at 9 p.m. Results will be sent to the NLRB regional office here. Regional NLRB Director Henry Shore says enough results should be available by midnight to establish a trend.

CIO President Philip Murray—who led the fight to oust the UE from the CIO fold because of what he calls its left-wing tendencies—is watching the voting closely.

Mr. Murray and other CIO leaders personally took to the field in a last-minute flurry of activity to urge the Westinghouse employees to vote CIO.

The veteran CIO leader told a rally near the Pittsburgh Westinghouse plant that UE leaders are backing communism and thus destroying gains American laborers have made under "aggressive, forward-looking unionism." He declared:

"I know you will defeat these distorters of the truth. You must yield leadership of your union to a band of traitors—traitors to your union and to your country."

UE Pulls No Punches. UE leaders, at another Pittsburgh rally, pulled no punches in urging Westinghouse employees to vote against the CIO union.

Tom Fitzpatrick, chief steward of the East Pittsburgh local union, said the IUE is a "company union."

He denounced what he described as the "red baiting" tactics of the CIO union—and he predicted the UE would win the vast majority of the elections.

UE has lost one test, General Motors electric division voting for the CIO union 21,167 to 2,528.

The National Labor Relations Board today ordered elections among 100,000 employees of the General Electric Co. to determine whether they want UE or IUE as bargaining agent.

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Press-Club-Member Truman Helps the Boys Mark Founding

Harry S. Truman, a member of the National Press Club, said hello to the boys last night.

It was the 42d anniversary of the club's founding. And many of the 33 original charter members, plus about 500 others, turned out to greet their most distinguished member.

It was an informal affair. In one part of the auditorium was a lounge. Hereafter it probably will be known as the Truman fireside. In it sat the President, Radford Mobley, president of the Press Club; Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, and Justice Clark of the Supreme Court.

Opposite this distinguished gathering sat two of the elders. They were Ralph "Spike" Collins, 64, editor of the General Press Association and an organizer of the club in 1908. He has just recovered from an illness of four weeks. Near him was James Lloyd Wright, 64, of the Buffalo Evening News, who later in the evening received a certificate of recognition from the President for his long and efficient service in the House and Senate press galleries. He has been a club member for 35 years. He appeared on crutches, evidence of an accident he suffered on a recent assignment.

Many of the members remembered when the club was just a small gathering place for newspapermen in another building. Today it is considered the largest permanent press club in the world, with more than 3,000 members.

Paul Wooton, correspondent of The New Orleans Times-Picayune and a past president of the club, acted as master of ceremonies.

As Admiral Sherman looked on, Mr. Truman unveiled a scroll dedicated to 25 news correspondents and photographers who lost their lives during the late war. He also dedicated a plaque inscribed with the names of the 192

members of the National Press Club who served in World War II.

Nine members of the club were to receive recognition.

For their long service in the Senate and House press galleries, Mr. Truman presented certificates to Hal Harrison Smith, New York Times, and to Mr. Wright. The documents of praise also were presented to G. Gould Lincoln of The Star, and Arthur Sears Henning, of the Chicago Tribune. In the absence of Mr. Lincoln, Herbert F. Corn, managing editor of The Star, received that award, and Philip W. Dodd took the honors for Mr. Henning.

In recognition of younger members of the club, certificates were presented to Wallace E. Clayton, of The Star; Nathaniel McKitterick, McGraw-Hill Publications; Neil MacNeil, United Press Association; and Maurice Palmer, International News Service.

President Truman also presented a certificate for "outstanding service to the press over a long period of years" to William D. Hassett, a presidential secretary.

Stephen Leo Named Aide To Resources Board Head

Stephen F. Leo of Brunswick, Maine, has been appointed special assistant to the chairman of the National Security Resources Board. This is the agency charged with drawing up plans for all-out mobilization of the Nation in event of war.

Mr. Leo, who has been serving as Air Force director of public relations will continue to work under his old chief, W. Stuart Symington, who recently was moved from Air Force Secretary to chairman of the Resources Board.

Congress to Sample Cheese From 2 States, Give Verdict

By the Associated Press

A bitter-end match has been arranged in Congress between a slab of Wisconsin cheese and a chunk of cheese from Ohio, each weighing in at 75 pounds.

"I hope politics won't enter into this," said Representative Lawrence H. Smith, Republican, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith, manager of the Wisconsin entry, challenged Representative McSweeney, Democrat, of Ohio to the contest in an effort to settle a dispute over the relative merits of Ohio and Wisconsin cheeses.

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Howard to Terminate Bargaining Pact With Public Workers' Union

Howard University has announced its decision to break bargaining pact with Local 30, United Public Workers of America June 30.

The collective bargaining agreement with the local covered teaching and non-teaching employees. The terminating action was taken Tuesday by union trustees.

Because of alleged Communist domination, the UPWA was expelled from the CIO in February.

Two Named Trustees. Two Washington residents were elected to the Board of Trustees.

George E. C. Hayes, legal adviser of the university and a teacher in the law school 21 years, was chosen to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Durham, N. C. Dr. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., was elected an honorary trustee. He served actively 15 years.

Dr. Dorothy Fosdick, foreign affairs expert, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death in January of Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, New York. He had served on the board 36 years.

Six Re-elected to Board. Six board members re-elected for new three-year terms are: Harry J. Capehart, Welch, W. Va.; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, university president; Lorimer D. Milton, Atlanta, board chairman; Dr. Peter Marshall Murray, and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, both of New York.

Mrs. Juanita Howard Thomas, Washington, was re-elected alumni trustee.

The board voted the retirement of Dean William B. West, who has served as dean of men 28 years, and Dr. Franz Rapp, who has served as professor of art 4 1/2 years.

Europeans in Southern Rhodesia now may buy local cigarettes at eight for 2 cents.

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G. O. P. Ball Team Bait Trap For Democrats With Free Food

The Republicans may have found the Achilles' Heel of the Democrats' Congressional Baseball Team.

With a record of two defeats behind them in the annual contest at Griffith Stadium to raise funds for The Evening Star's Summer Camp Fund, the Republican high command is exploring the field of subtle strategy.

A chance remark by Representative Auchincloss, Republican, of New Jersey, opened new vistas.

Representative Auchincloss was offering his services as trainer to the Republican manager, Representative C. H. (Runt) Bishop. Back of him is a record as one of Yale's outstanding stars, service in military intelligence during World War I and a career as president and chairman of the board of New York's Better Business Bureau.

After signing up, Mr. Auchincloss said he would be glad to take both teams to dinner after the game, and then added, "providing the Democrats lose."

"That's it," exclaimed Runt. "That'll do it. If the Democrats would pay \$100 for that dinky piece of steak at the Jackson Day dinner at the Armory, think what they might do for a free dinner. I don't mean that they'd throw the game exactly, but their heart wouldn't be in winning."

Tickets for the game on May 19 went on sale today in the office of the Doorkeeper of the House and at The Evening Star.



Mexico Fines Owners Of 5 U. S. Fishing Boats

By the Associated Press

TAMPICO, Mexico, April 27.—Owners of five United States fishing boats were fined 5,000 pesos (\$578) each yesterday for catching shrimp off Mexico's Gulf Coast.

The fine was imposed by the Mexican Navy Department as an administrative measure.

Owners of the boats, all from Texas ports, had not decided at nightfall whether to pay or take the case to a regular court.

The case was taken to the court of the fishery office of the Navy Department, said the penalties were imposed for "fishing in Mexican territorial waters without a permit."

The United States Government has asked the Mexican government for an explanation of the incident, which involves the question of how far territorial waters extend.

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